

COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY ORDER NUMBER 3

WEAPONS CONTROL

Pursuant to my authority as Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions, including Resolution 1483 (2003), and the laws and usages of war,

Recognizing that weapons control is necessary in order to ensure a secure environment for the people of Iraq and to promote public order and safety,

I hereby promulgate the following:

Section 1 Definitions

- 1) "Heavy Weapons" are weapons firing ammunition larger than 7.62 MM, machine guns or crew-served weapons, anti-tank weapons (such as rocket propelled grenades (RPGs)), anti-aircraft weapons (such as shoulder fired missiles and AA guns), indirect fire weapons (mortars and artillery pieces), armored vehicles or self-propelled weapons, high explosives and explosive devices (including mines and hand grenades).
- 2) "Small Arms" includes rifles that fire up to 7.62 MM ammunition, shotguns, and pistols.
- 3) "Weapons" includes Heavy Weapons and Small Arms.
- 4) "Coalition Forces" includes any and all personnel, including contractors, from Coalition Member States under the command or direction of the Coalition Provisional Authority or the Coalition Force Commander.

Section 2 Prohibition on Heavy Weapons

- 1) Other than as provided for in Section 2.2, no person shall possess, carry, conceal, hide, bury, trade, sell, barter, give or exchange heavy weapons.
- 2) Iraqi police, security and military forces in uniform under the supervision of Coalition Forces may possess heavy weapons, but only to the extent necessary to perform their duties and only those weapons that have been expressly permitted. Coalition Forces may possess weapons at any time.

Section 3

Control of Small Arms

- 1) Other than as provided for in Section 3.2, no person shall possess a small arm in a public place.
- 2) Subject to Section 4.4, the following individuals are authorized to carry small arms openly in public places:
 - a) Coalition Forces,
 - b) Iraqi police and military forces on duty, in uniform and under the supervision of Coalition Forces, and
 - c) groups assisting the Coalition Forces who remain under the supervision of Coalition Forces, and individuals who have been authorized to carry weapons by the Coalition Forces.
- 3) Small arms may be possessed in a person's home or place of business. Small arms may not be possessed in a school, hospital or holy site except by individuals duly authorized by Coalition Forces.

Section 4

General Prohibitions

- 1) All weapons or arms markets are prohibited.
- 2) Other than for purposes of official duties or in self-defense, firing of weapons within city limits, to include celebratory firing, is prohibited.
- 3) No persons under the age of 18 are permitted to possess, carry, conceal, trade, sell, barter, give or exchange weapons.
- 4) Other than Coalition Forces and duly authorized police and security forces carrying weapons in the course of their duties, no person may carry a concealed weapon.

Section 5

Weapons Authorization Program

Individuals, not falling within Sections 2.2 and 3.2 of this Order, who can demonstrate a necessity to carry weapons, may apply for temporary weapons authorization cards (TWCs) in order to carry weapons.

Section 6 Collection Program

Any heavy weapons, except hand grenades or explosives, shall be turned into Coalition Forces at designated Weapons Control Points on specifically announced dates. Instructions will be issued by the relevant Coalition Forces authorities as to the procedures for handing-in such weapons. Any person handing in weapons during the designated time period will not be subject to the penalties set out in Section 7 of this Order.

Section 7 Penalty

- 1) Any unauthorized weapons or any weapons for sale in a public market are subject to confiscation by Coalition Forces and other relevant authorities.
- 2) Any individual found in possession of an unauthorized weapon in violation of this Order may be detained, arrested, prosecuted and, if convicted, sentenced by relevant authorities to up to one year in prison and a US\$1,000.00 fine.

Section 8 Entry into Force

This Order shall enter into force on the dated of signature.

 5/23/03

L. Paul Bremer, Administrator
Coalition Provisional Authority